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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

U.S. National Phase Application )  
of International Application No.: )  
PCT/IT2004/000591 )  
Inventors.: Gaetano LO PRESTI et al. )  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: April 20, 2006 )  
For: AN EXPANDABLE BLADDER FOR )  
TYRE MANUFACTURING )  
APPARATUSES, A )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
THEREOF AND A PROCESS FOR )  
MANUFACTURING TYRES FOR )  
VEHICLE WHEELS ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 7 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 16 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this amendment.